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When you are aspiring to the highest place, it is honorable to reach the second or even the third rank. — Cicero

Ground broken

Residence construction under way

By MICHAEL GREVES
Staff Writer

The Niagara College residence at the Welland campus, off First Avenue, was started Dec. 9, on a cold, rainy day.

College President John Saso, Welland Mayor Dick Reuter, Sam Armenti, from Armenti Brothers Contractors/Developers of Port Colborne, and Ed Russell, from Russell Associates Inc. of Fonthill, were all present at the ground-breaking ceremony.

"This long-awaited residence will enhance our students' opportunities for success," Saso said, "since it provides private space for them as well as locating them closer to students' success amenities.

"I would like to propose a toast . . . to Ed Russell, Sam Armenti and, of course, Niagara College on this partnership arrangement. We couldn't be happier . . . we know the residence will be first rate," Saso said.

"The students are just going to love living here and the transfer from commuter college to residence college should go quickly," said Jason Graham, student administrative council president.

A joint project between Armenti Bros. (contractor/developer) and Russell Associates Inc. (designer), the college property will only be leased to the developer for 30 years. After that period, Niagara College will become sole owners and operators of the residence.

The residence, which can accommodate 200 full-time students in 100 rooms, is expected to be finished by September 1995.

From left: Ed Russell of Russell Associates, college President John Saso, Sam Armenti of Armenti Brothers, Welland Mayor Dick Reuter, Ward 1 councillor Leo Van Vliet and Welland-Thorold MPP Peter Kormos break ground for the new Niagara College residence.

Photo by Trevor Twining

Library now has automated system

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

Welland campus library went "live" with the automated system last week, says Trish Labonte, head librarian for the Welland library at Niagara College.

She says the other campus libraries will be operational in the next few weeks.

Labonte says with any new system there are still bugs to be worked out.

"We have had very positive comments from the students about the system.

"We were all very excited not so much for us, but for the students because finally we are able to provide what they need."

Labonte says they were still working out some fine details Monday morning Jan. 9. at 8 a.m. The system went up at 8:45 a.m.

The automated system provides computer access information on books available in the Welland campus library.

"This is the first phase of a new adventure. Our next challenge for this semester is to upload records.

"We have technical details still to work through," says Labonte.

She says 12,000 items will be added to the system over the next year as the library takes on the new project.

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Bookstore theft

Thieves crossed roof, broke windows

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

It is not known yet, who the masterminds were behind the break-in at the Niagara College Bookstore and the Special Needs office on Jan. 8 at about 2 a.m.

Staff Sgt. Murray McLeod of the Niagara Regional Police Welland detachment said, police responded to an intrusion alert at 2:09 a.m.

"It appears there were two or more persons involved," said McLeod.

The thieves scaled the eight-foot wall on the west side of the Tecumseh building to the roof and apparently lowered themselves into the central courtyard then smashed the window leading into the office of manager of ancillary services Sandy Fox.

The intruders smashed the second of four windows, a small lower right-hand reinforced window, exiting the Special Needs office into the hallway and broke out another lower reinforced window to enter the college bookstore.

The manager's window was smashed and the office ransacked. The floor safe was forcibly opened, McLeod said.

Although police cannot disclose the amount stolen, Fox said it wasn't as large as rumored.

"They didn't get a large amount of cash because of the Brinks pickup on Friday at noon," said Fox.

The break-in caused a slight delay in the bookstore's opening that morning preventing January start students from getting books in time for their first class.

Police are still investigating the break-in. Any one with any information, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477.

'They didn't get a large amount of cash' Sandy Fox

Jobs coming, premier says

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

Premier Bob Rae says graduating students have reason to be optimistic.

In an exclusive interview after Niagara Falls MPP Margaret Harrington's New Year's Levee on Jan. 8, Rae said "the job market has improved and is improving."

But he warns the Ontario government will have to make sure proposed social reforms by the federal government do not place a further burden on students.

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"The best social policy...is very simple," Rae told about 220 people who paid $50 each for Brunch with Bob. "It's called work—a job."

This government is fulfilling this objective, Rae said. "An NDP party is committed to getting people back to work."

The New Democrat government is building a stronger industrial base for the province, he said.

"New jobs are coming and they're broadly based."

Graduating students can "continue to be optimistic," Rae said.

Niagara College briefs

New college opening underway

At a meeting held on Jan. 14, 1995 by the Board of Governors for the Le College des Grands Lacs (Great Lakes College), further steps were taken toward the opening of the new college in September 1995.

With the college's location set in Welland, the Board of Governors set the organizational structure of some of the administrative staff. Four deans have been determined for each of the four access centres. Access centres are classrooms outside the main administrative building.

Also, two director positions were determined, one director for finance, administration and human resources and one director for community relations and student services.

Anne Audet-Giroux, manager for French Language Services at Niagara College and member of the Board of Governors at the new college, said all positions will be filled by mid-March.

"According to the calender of events, everything is running smoothly," said Giroux.

Confirmed at the meeting were three technology classes available for each access centre, one for video conferencing, one for audio delivery and one class set up for lab and computer work.

Andrews resigns from SAC

Student Administrative Council (SAC) Vice-President Athletics Bill Andrews has resigned, leaving the rest of SAC to absorb his duties.

SAC President Jason Graham announced the resignation at last Monday's general meeting.

Andrews decided to resign after acquiring part-time work outside of the college. He said in a letter to council that he felt he could no longer effectively fulfill his duties.

SAC members voted to take on the extra duties instead of replacing Andrews.

Jeff Poulin, vice-president external, offered to "take up the slack" left by Andrews' departure, with help from the rest of council.

Graham said there isn't enough time to hold a byelection to fill the vacancy with general elections coming up in the near future.

Andrews was unavailable for comment at press time.

Elections are upcoming

Jason Graham became president of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) effective Nov. 24. He will be organizing upcoming elections for the month of February.

"I want to make students aware of the upcoming elections," says Graham.

"I want to make sure students are aware of the student government."

Bren Biggs became SAC's vice-president executive effective Nov. 30.

SAC will be organizing Sexual Awareness programming in March.

New support group for Niagara

Niagara College's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Club will hold their next meeting on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in Portable 1 (behind Hennepin Hall).

The Student Administrative Council-funded organization is open to all members of the gay and lesbian community and gay-positive persons.

Club President Julie Schoenle, first-year nursing student, says the LGB organization is a "social/support group."

For further information, call 735-2211, ext. 7786.

Hewlett Packard helps it all add up

Five first-year business students were awarded Hewlett-Packard calculators for attaining excellent marks.

Sonya Balaban, Shelley Sparks, John Sargent, Jennifer Fraser and Irene Wiley were selected this year.

Since 1989, Hewlett-Packard Ltd. has recognized top students in business, engineering and science, and have awarded about $1 million worth of calculators.

Hewlett-Packard decided to make this the final year to award college and university students calculators. They will focus on awarding kindergarden to Grade 6 students.

Comfort zone a little too comfy

Students were hesitant to leave After Hours on Monday at 2 p.m. when fire alarms pierced the air. Patrons did leave the building though, surrendering their beer and pool games to the mercy of the fates.

"They were reluctant to move from the comfort zone and the main bar because they knew it was a drill," said Bill Baiton, the doorman working that day.

Lana Levay, bartender, said, "It only took us a minute. We did good."

A showcase for creative minds

Calling all writers! Bring your poems, short stories and excerpts from your great Canadian novel to read in After Hours on Monday, Jan. 23. Everyone of legal age is welcome. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Ends at 11 p.m.

Technology conference in June

By DAWN SWAYZE
Staff Writer

St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Ont., will host a conference in the spring dealing with the best practices in information technology (I.T.).

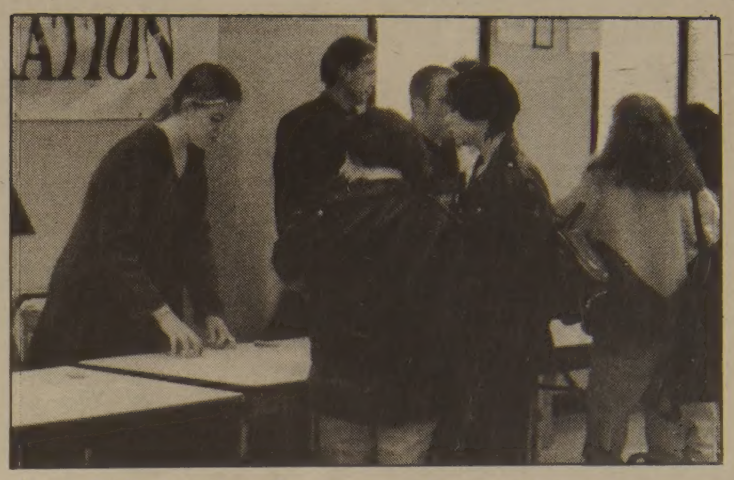
Organized by various experts within the Ontario college community, the conference is entitled The "This is I.T." conference.

David Schleich, Niagara College's vice-president, academic, is involved in the organization of the conference. He said "system wide" participation from area colleges will be an asset.

In recent years, the information technology industry has provided employment for more than 330,000 Canadians.

In 1970, there was a limited number of computers in existence, an estimated 50,000. Globally, an estimated 60,000 computers are sold daily, with combined sales of more than $50 million. Computers in schools are expected to increase by 30 per cent a year.

On May 31, June 1 and 2, Gord MacDougall, director of educational technologies at St. Lawrence College in Kingston, will take part in workshops, panel discussions, feature presentations, as well as equipment and system demonstrations.



January Start students lined up to register for Orientation.
Photo by Sue Noble

January start a success

By ELIZABETH MONSERE and SUE NOBLE Staff Writers

Niagara College is fast becoming a year-round teaching institution.

With the growing demand for people with a post-secondary education, Niagara recognized the need to increase course availability.

The 1995 January Start Orientation was "successfully" held on Monday, Jan. 9 at Niagara's Black Walnut Cafeteria.

"As of Jan. 10, 1995 there were 496 students registered for the January start programs," says Carol Boettcher, Niagara's vice-president of Student Life and Human Resources.

Boettcher welcomed the new students on behalf of Niagara's President, John Saso. "Take full advantage of all the services Niagara has to offer," she says.

Registration for January start programs continued until Jan. 13.

"This year's Orientation went a lot smoother than last January's and was very successful," says Lou Dimattio, assistant director to student life. "Every year some students do not attend."

She says the Orientation had a good turn out and the scavenger hunt enabled the new students to feel their way around the campus.

"With the enrolment of students increasing Student Administrative Council (SAC) would like to have a two-day Orientation," says SAC's President Jason Graham.

"We're the fun part of the college," says Athletics Co-ordinator Pete Rylander, in reference to the athletics department.

Dave Rapelje, After Hours manager at the Student Centre, told the student body to take advantage of the student centre, but respect it and the alcohol policy.

"SAC is the voice of Niagara College students and the link between the students and the administration.

"Enjoy, respect, experience your student centre," says Rapelje.

John Rookwood, 22, a first-year Recreation and Leadership program student, says there were a lot more people than he expected.

Tara Stockwell, 20, another first-year Recreation and Leadership program student, says she is "very nervous."

"Everyone else seems to know where they are going, but don't worry, there are over 4,000 tour guides around," said Brigitte Chiki, director of student life and success.

"Someone will be happy to help you. We want you to be as comfortable as possible, as soon as possible," she says.

Dawn Swayze, vice-president of internal affairs of SAC, says she is "very pleased" with the turn out of students.

"The increased enrolment will allow SAC to work with a bigger budget. This enables better programming and the ability to provide better events for the college," says Swayze.

Don't forget to read next week's

NIAGARA NEWS

for information about the

upcoming Election to select

STUDENT AND FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

to sit on

NIAGARA COLLEGE'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Rae heads into 1995 with confidence

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

Premier Bob Rae is heading into 1995 an upbeat man.

At a "Brunch with Bob" at the Victoria Park Restaurant in Niagara Falls on Jan. 8, Rae asked all voters to "reflect on the choices you really face."

Rae was in the area to pay "tribute to Margaret (Harrington, Niagara Falls MPP)—a tremendous worker for Niagara Falls." About 220 people paid $50 each to greet and eat with the premier in a fundraiser for the Niagara Falls NDP Riding Association.

The polls are improving and Rae said he has reason to be optimistic. "When you're compared to the Almighty—to perfection—you necessarily fall short, but when you're compared to the alternatives, you're not so terrible."

But what most area politicians were wondering was whether Rae would announce a casino for Niagara Falls. Neither Regional Chair Brian Merrett or Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson say they expected confirmation, but the brunch did allow them to speak with the premier.

Although Rae said he "(doesn't) see any roadblocks" to Niagara Falls not getting a casino, his government is "not about to jump the gun."

He did assure attendees, though, that it will be an NDP government that announces the next casino. "Not some interloper who opposed it," he said, referring to Liberal Leader Lyn McLeod's recent statement that the Liberals would give Niagara Falls a casino despite the fact not one Liberal supported the creation of the Casino Corporation Act.

"Jim Bradley (St. Catharines Liberal MPP) says we're all going to Sodom and Gomorrah if we have another casino. Now that she (McLeod) sees what's taken place, she wants to get on board. We're going to do things in the steady way we have."

"The road to Damascus is beginning to look like the Queen Elizabeth Way at 4 p.m. It's getting crowded," Rae said of McLeod's recent promises.

Although Rae reserved most of his attacks for the "leader of the opposition (who) is consistently negative," he had a shot for Conservative leader Mike Harris' "outrageous" Common Sense Revolution.

Defending his government's own decisions, Rae said "we faced a very difficult time" over the last four years. "We took power at a time when the previous (Liberal) government said the books were balanced."

There turned out to be a $5 billion deficit.

With public sector costs rising, cuts were necessary. "If we hadn't done it, we would have been worse off."

While news on the job front is "genuinely encouraging," he admits income taxes have risen.

"How do you think we pay for health care in this province?" he asked.

Rae also outlined a new drug insurance plan that will provide basic drug coverage for those who can't afford a public or private plan.

The province must "regain the momentum" in education, Rae said, adding cuts are needed in the many layers between government and school boards. The province's educational system has to ensure students "come out of school with the skills they need and that teachers have the means to accomplish that."

Rae insists the federal government must treat Ontario fairly when distributing federal dollars. "The people of Ontario must be treated the same as the rest of Canada. Ontario is owed $8 1/2 billion in social assistance shortfalls. It would wipe out the provincial deficit this year."

Although Rae said he's "not beating up on Ottawa, I insist that anyone who wants to be premier has to stand up to the federal government."

Various NDP policies have been controversial, Rae said, but "(they're) not based on some vain belief." Rather, they're based on "the broader public interest and long-term interests" of the province.

"I believe I've got the experience and the tough-mindedness to look after the interests of our province better than the other party leaders."

Premier Bob Rae raises his arm in solidarity before a group of about 220 people who gathered for "Brunch with Bob." The day was to honor Niagara Falls MPP Margaret Harrington, whom Rae called "a tremendous worker." Rae says "It's been for me one of the greatest honors to be the premier of this province."
Photo by Willy Noiles

Niagara College officials 'Brunch with Bob'

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

"Brunch with Bob" provided Niagara College faculty and administrators with an opportunity to bend the premier's ear.

Dr. Doug Rogers, an English instructor at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, said Rae delivered a "great speech." Other Niagara attendees agreed. Joan Hastings-Dove, a faculty representative on the Board of Govenors, said Rae is a "dynamic speaker."

Rogers and Hastings-Dove say they're awaiting the Royal Commission on Education report which is studying the elementary and secondary school systems and their function. Rae's proposed cuts to the bureaucratic structure of the education system are welcome, Hastings-Dove said.

Reducing the structure would "give power back to the teachers in the classroom," Hastings-Dove said.

Rogers said the New Democratic Party is "moving in the direction of changes that will improve education."

The brunch also provided Dan Patterson, vice-president of Ventures, and David Davies, director of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, with a chance to keep the premier updated on Niagara College's progress. Both say Rae is "well-briefed."

"The premier's as sharp as a tack," Davies said.

Rae's "a keen supporter of the college," Patterson said.

Shirley Tomovic, development officer for Continuing Education, was there to hear if there was any news on a casino for Niagara Falls. Although no announcement was made, Tomovic said the news "was promising."

If the next casino is located in the Niagara Region, Niagara College will be providing much of the training. The Casino Career Program, which Tomovic is managing, is completing its second set of graduates.

Davies said Rae is "playing it (an announcement on the next casino) very close to the chest."

But the message on tourism is positive and that's what Davies was interested in. Any tourism development in the Niagara Region bodes well for the Hospitality and Tourism program, he said.

Rae's government has been supportive of tourism with the building of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation and the Gateway project in Niagara Falls, Davies said.

1994 a banner year for CE

By WILLY NOILES
Staff Writer

College officials are referring to 1994 as a banner year for the Continuing Education (CE) department.

CE was honored by receiving two separate awards in 1994—the Conny Award (Ontario College's Continuing Education Awards) and the LERN Award (Learning Resources Network).

The new design of Niagara College's Spring 1994 CE calendar was honored by the Conny's for its effectiveness in the category of Best Calendar/Catalogue. The Fall 1994 calendar was named Best Brochure by LRN.

Shirley Tomovic, development officer for CE, says Niagara "is the first in Ontario to go with this new format."

The new design, which is "getting a lot of positive comments," has not only saved paper costs, but increased enrolment.

"We're particularly proud of the LERN award because it's an international award," Foster Zanutto, director of CE, says.

LERN is an international association with more than 5,000 members in eight countries.

In a press release from LERN News, William A. Draves, LERN president, stated: "This represents a truly outstanding practice. It was selected from over 100 nominations for its innovativeness and creativity."

Dan Patterson, Niagara's vice-president of Ventures, says the awards "really speak to the creativity and innovative approaches our staff are taking in these matters."

Tomovic says the new format of the calendars, going into their third term, keep costs minimal, allowing CE to put more color and better paper on the cover. "We're very, very pleased with the new format," she says.

"I'm really pleased to see the time and effort that people like Shirley have put in recognized, not only within the college, but outside," Patterson says.

"The quality of our products coming out of CE is outstanding."

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Cattle have it better

After entering Hennepin Hall, I realized I was in for a long wait. A low rumble came from the direction of the Registrar's office, my final destination (a poor choice for the last week of holidays).

My heart fell as I turned the corner. I had expected a half hour wait. I waited almost 1 1/2 hours to have my schedule modified slightly and printed - a process which took 30 minutes itself.

Does the college computer system work on a Commodore 64 tape system with monkeys running to and fro inserting various tapes according to use? Are all upper echelon administration on the same computer system thus affecting the rate which students can be served? Couldn't more desks be opened to better serve January start and returning students? These are issues which can be resolved by college administration.

I have paid about $30,000 to attend college (including all living costs during college), but have been treated like cattle while applying, registering and purchasing books. As I look around the Welland campus, rather than feelings of pride and school spirit, I am appalled by the condition of the buildings. Our landscaping (or lack thereof) is pitiful, yet we have horticulture program students whose skills could be applied to all campuses, giving all college users something of which to be proud.

I am definitely not proud to be part of this school — outside of the classroom. I appreciate the education I am receiving, but this college's administration does not seem to appreciate me. Only my money.

How do they apply those funds, by the way?

Michael Greves

OSAP adds up

On June 10 of this year, after a year of general college and two gruelling years in the Journalism/Print program, I will proudly walk across the stage to receive my diploma.

Fantastic, I can barely wait.

But, wait a minute, reality check if you will, now I must start paying or rather repaying the money I received for my education from the government.

The lending institution that was more than happy to accept my Ontario and Canada loan agreements, better known as OSAP, has informed me that the $17,000 they graciously loaned me, will cost about $375 a month, starting in October of this year. HELLO!

Somehow, while I was trying to get this education, my mind must have skipped over the math part. That's not too surprising considering my lack of love for mathmatics. After all, I took this course because they said there'd be no math. They lied, whoever they are.

Hey, I'm not saying I don't owe this money. I have always accepted responsibility for my debts and have no intention of shirking this one. However, $375 a month is more than I pay in rent and I sometimes have to scramble to get it together.

I'm very much a realist. One thing I'm quite certain of, my future employer won't be paying a recent journalism graduate the kind of monies I will require to meet all of my responsibilities.

The only chance I'll have to keep my head above water is if federal Finance Minister Lloyd Axworthy's proposal allowing students to repay their loans based on income they earn after graduation is approved this year. Maybe I'll survive.

Sue Noble

Letters to Editor

Forever grateful

Dear Editor:

My husband and I are both part-time students at Niagara College and have been for the past few years. Just as our courses are not all related, our reasons for going to school are also different. For me it's a night out from being a full-time home-maker and mother of five, while also furthering my education; my husband's goals are to keep himself as employable as possible as the time ticks closer to the inevitable banging shut of the doors at General Motors where he is employed.

A few weeks ago during break from my Monday night class, I happened to glance at the bulletin board on my way to the coffee machine. My eye caught a flyer advertising a Christmas party for children of Niagara College students, sponsored by the Students *Administrative Council (SAC).*

I thought it looked kind of interesting so I made a mental note to call the college the next day for details. Meantime, I began to have my doubts. How good can it be, I thought, if I've never heard of it before? And what does SAC mean, anyway?

Well, I phoned the next day and was put in touch with a very friendly woman from the SAC office (Student Administrative Council). She took the names and ages of all five children.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, at noon, we all trudged in the door, not knowing what to expect, but with five eager little faces among us. We were in for a treat!

The party was by far the best Children's Christmas Party we've ever attended. It started off with a talented magician who definitely held the kids' interest. This was followed by Barney the Dinosaur, accompanied by his theme music. Our four- and six-year-old were on Cloud 9. Meanwhile, there was all-you-can-eat Christmas cookies, different kinds of chips and a huge keg of pop.

As the kids began to come down from their Barney buzz, in walked two Power Ranger's, the red one and the black one. The adrenaline was pumping again! As I held Sean, my four-year-old, up to shake the Black Ranger's hand, I told the Ranger that although Sean is not allowed to watch Power Rangers, he sure is thrilled to meet one. Turns out these guys have a sense of humor, because I'm sure I heard him laugh.

Before anyone could tire of these feisty fighters, in came the star attraction: Santa Claus, who was at his jolly best. Each child's name was called out to come up on stage and receive a gift. My kids were thrilled, as were my husband and I. The presents were obviously well thought out and were appropriate to the receivers' age. I didn't see one unhappy face.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the people at SAC for an excellent time. The time and talent put into the Christmas party was abundantly obvious by all the laughing and smiling faces.

And you can be sure I'll be reading the bulletin boards much closer in the future!

Teresa Walters

Necklace was found

Dear Editor:

On Dec. 5, 1994 I was dismayed to discover my antique silver cross and chain had somehow fallen from my neck.

I had received the necklace from a favorite relative upon starting college. It's loss was heartbreaking and drove me to ransack my apartment like a person possessed. No drawer, crack or crevice, nor article of clothing went unchecked.

Alas, to no avail, my talisman was gone. I asked friends and family alike if by chance they may have found it, but began to think I'd never see my cross again.

Suddenly, on Sunday night I remembered, it was not just a necklace, it was also a symbol of my faith. (A slight oversight on behalf of my material human side.)

The next morning while passing the Niagara College's security office, I felt compelled to step in and ask Staff Security Officer Tom Landry if such a cross and chain had been turned in.

To my great delight, Tom checked the book, asked for a description, reached into the lost and found drawer, retrieved and handed me my silver cross and chain intact.

I would like to personally thank the Good Samaritan, not only for turning in my jewelry, but reminding me of a more precious gift, faith in people.

Thank you sincerely,

Sue Noble

PERSPECTIVES

Who decides whose life it is?

By DAWN SWAYZE
Staff Writer

Your life may be taken from you at any moment - by choice or by the will of those around you.

This became painstakingly clear to those affected by the recent anti-abortion action in Massachusetts.

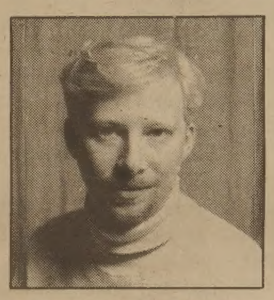
Some radical anti-abortionists have taken violent measures to ensure the "right to life" of those most affected by abortion - fetuses. Killing those associated with the legal performance of abortions creates a hypocrisy in the "right to life."

Responsibility for crime lies in the hands of the individual, not the organization who supports the radical belief. However, the organization should begin taking responsibility for violent implications that evolve from their beliefs.

Cruelty in any form is wrong. Violence by any means is wrong.

For those of you who believe that violence will accomplish a greater good, I suggest you think again.

Role models? We think not



By MICHAEL WALES
Staff Writer

The month of January is bringing some interesting news stories along with the continuation of some old news stories, all of which seem worthy of opinionated, omniscient comments. So here we go.

Newt Gingrich. Pretty funny eh? This is what happens when someone watches the movie *Boy's Town* one too many times. Gingrich now feels he can cure the ills that plague the United States by putting the children of welfare recipients in orphanages.

Here's another movie for Gingrich to watch — *The Boys of St. Vincent's.*

On the Canadian side of the border, the Toronto Sun recently reported that civil servants had been using sex lines to the tune of over $20,000. It's about time some sort of program was set up to improve the the telephone manner of government employees. Is this what Bob Rae meant by using alternate measures to "stimulate" the economy?

Attention: Reform Party — you are just entering your ninth minute of fame.

In everyone's favorite double murder trial, the jury in the O.J. Simpson case has been sequestered by Judge Lance Ito, presumably in quarters that aren't quite as luxurious as those currently being enjoyed by the defendant.

If you were a criminal lawyer in the United States and you hadn't been asked to join the O.J. Simpson defense team, wouldn't you be seriously considering a career change?

In the Paul Bernardo case, Toronto has been chosen as the location for the high-profile murder trial. Hopefully the trial will be concluded before Karla Homolka graduates . . . or I'm sorry . . . is paroled.

Finally, Boris Yeltsin has decided that he was becoming just a bit too popular with western governments, so he has chosen to rectify the situation by bombing the hell out of civilians in Chechnya.

Have a good week.

Evolution: Good or bad ?

By MARK BROUWER
Staff Writer

A strange fluke occurred many billions of years ago somewhere in what we call the ocean. Molecules began to behave in a very strange way. They began to bond and form amino acids. Why? Who knows? Who cares? The important point is they did.

The evolutionary process began.

Things ran smoothly until what looks like another strange fluke, occurred; Homo Sapiens.

These intelligent creatures were so frightened by the natural world they began to fashion their escape from it. They sought to hide themselves from things they couldn't control and to control everything else. They began adapting the world around them to their own purposes instead of adapting to it.

The great evolutionary chain came to a crashing halt. Homo sapiens stuck his fingers in the spokes and sent it careening off course, and it's all downhill from here.

We have undone in one century much of what it took the earth millions of years to create. We are killing ourselves off in subtle ways. We've managed to avoid complete disaster so far, but the end is just a breath away.

Or is that the whole point? Perhaps the world really knows what it's doing. Just maybe it's finding ways to rid itself of the infestation.

It's true that with homo sapiens gone, the earth could recover much quicker. Instead it has to throw diseases and disasters at us hoping to dislodge us.

The Plague, for 18th century Europeans was devastating. Measles, the flu, syphilis, polio, they were all killers at one time. We've found ways around those things. . . for now.

I can't wait to see what ol' "mother" nature throws at us next. Maybe a new killer disease? Apparently AIDS isn't enough to kill all of us. Government conspiracy? Perhaps. Act of God? Even less likely.

I think the earth is just a little ill. It's got a bad case of Humanitis.

Leather and bikes and all things nice

By GORDANA PIRKER
Staff Writer

Black leather, long beards, visible interesting tattoos and . . . girls on bikes . . . Harley Davidson bikes.

I came with an open mind and was not sure what to expect as I attended the annual Bike Show held at the International Centre in Toronto. The two-day event, held on Jan. 7 and 8, drew a variety of bikers.

After spending more than 20 minutes trying to find a parking spot, my boyfriend could hardly contain himself as he practically leaped over the cars to get to the entrance.

On the other hand, I smiled and followed slowly behind him. What was I to do? He owns a Harley (or "Hog") and I guess he needed some sort of male bonding.

At first, I really felt out of place wearing my suede brown jacket and wooly white mittens my gramma knitted for me. It seemed like everyone was dressed in black leather and proudly displaying their Harley-Davidson paraphernalia.

But as soon as I walked in I was shocked! My eyes focused immediately on the shiney machines surrounded by onlookers waiting for their chance to sit on the bikes.

No longer did I stare at who was there. Instead, I was more interested at looking at the bikes.

Most people stereotype bikers as unemployed dreamers who just care about their bikes including myself . . . at one time.

Yet, they are dreamers in some sense, using the tanks of their bikes to display their art.

In the front foyer I saw the original bikes as they could be bought directly from the store. The price tags ranged from $10,000 to $25,000. As we made our way through the crowd, I suddenly felt this urge to climb on top of the many custom-built Harely's.

These bikes were amazing! It is unbelievable what can be done with chrome, metal and a wild imagination.

Even though the bikes took centre attention, everything else associated with the show was appreciated.

Biker, I have learned, is not a dirty word. Those who ride do it their way and seem to show independence through their bikes.

Many associations now connect with bikers include bike runs for charity, from helping the blind, to providing shelter and food for those less privileged bikers, fast becoming well known throughout many communities.

The bike show was great even though the Harely-Davidson company was the majority favorite among many hopeful owners.

After spending three hours wandering around, I have to admit I caught the Harley bug.

This summer, I am looking to ride a bike and maybe get my licence. I told my boyfriend I can't wait to try his Sportster, but he suggested I first learn on his Yamaha.

Also this summer, I will attend my first biker-bash, at Rosie's on July 15, apparently the best bash of the summer.

Look for a blonde, possibly wearing some black leather, helping sell T-shirts. Oh, what the heck. With an interesting, temporary tattoo.

That's entertainment!

By ALLAN SHIELDS
Staff Writer

Welcome back students to another semester of hard work - ya right - check out what's available this year at After Hours.

Comedy acts, live entertainment, and tons of prizes is just a taste of what the pub has in store for 1995.

The student centre has prepared a full year of rock'n entertainment and plenty of giveaways just for you.

All events this year are posted around campus and now will be posted in the Niagara News.

Much Music and their Video Dance Party came to Niagara's Thursday Night Pub on Jan. 19, where the latest and greatest dance mixes were played on their huge video screen.

Here are some upcoming events that are sure to get your mind off the books and into the After Hours spirit.

Twisted Tuesdays presents live entertainment from bands Too Much of John, Crackerhead, and the 1994 Battle of the Bands winner Acetic.

Also Twisted Tuesdays are always a treat with D.J. Ken Dickert giving Niagara the best in alternative music. Remember, free pool all night long.

Don't forget every Thursday night with D. J.'s N.K. and Heavy O blasting 100 per cent dance music with tons of giveaways.

Undersea view for Comfort Zone

By ALLAN SHIELDS
Staff Writer

Over the holidays, more attraction was added to the Niagara College Student Centre.

Tim Hrycusko, 32, a Visual/Creative Arts and Design teacher for five years, was requested by Student Centre Manager Dave Rapelje to create a suitable wall mural for the After Hours Comfort Zone.

Fab Formisano, 26, a former student of Hrycusko's at the college was the other person to help design the aquarium scene that took three days (20 hours) to complete.

"I thought an undersea view would be a good choice for those who wish to relax," said the newly wedded Hrycusko for seven months.

Hrycusko and Formisano constructed the double doors that the mural covers, creating a more peaceful conference room behind the doors.

The two talented air-brush artists have been practicing together for a few years and recently, through continuous compliments from people who have noticed their talents, began their own business called "Impact Signs and Graphics."

The three month business has kept both on the go, considering Hrycusko's duties at the college and Formisano's band performances around the Region.

Hrycusko said that the business "fits comfortably in his partial full-time teaching schedule." He said painting fills up his schedule.

The two hope to add more to the pub this year, expressing more of a scholastic theme though.

If you are interested in the mural or want to meet with its creators, contact Formisano at (905) 374-6488, or Hrycusko at (905) 934-2845.

Tobacco Control Act in effect across Ontario

'The new law is tough medicine to deal with a tough health problem,' said Ruth Grier

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

On Dec. 1, 1994, the toughest North America anti-tobacco legislation hit Ontario.

Bill 119 is now in effect across Ontario and will affect every smoker and non-smoker in the province.

The Health Community has been battling against the sale of cigarettes and smoking areas for years. The Ontario government announced the Tobacco Control Act on Nov. 30.

The Act includes details such as prohibition of cigarettes sales in pharmacies and bans smoking on public or high school property.

The sale of tobacco products to anyone under 19 is now prohibited in Ontario. An individual must show photo identification to prove their age before purchasing any tobacco products.

Officer Joanne Godin is referred to as the smoking cop for the Niagara Region. She is responsible for enforcing the new legislation.

Bill 119 is now in effect

The Ministry of Health has given local public health units $2.5 million to hire and train enforcement officers.

Only the seller is targeted under the Act. Fines for first-time offenders can range from $100 to $300. Restaurants are not included in the Tobacco Act.

Smoking is banned at high schools and public schools and the school grounds. Smoking is prohibited in retail shops, transit shelters and stations.

Barber shops and video arcades are also included in the Act, as well as non-designated areas of hospitals, nursing homes, colleges, universities and shopping malls.

An individual tobacco retailer who sells to minors may be fined up to $2,000, while corporations may face fines of up to $5,000.

This marks the start of a new era in Ontario's Tobacco Control legislation with the proclamation of the Act by Health Minister Ruth Grier.

"The new law is tough medicine to deal with a tough health problem," Grier stated in a press release.

Teaching students how to cope

By HEATH ANDERSON
Staff Writer

After designing sets for such great productions as *Dial M for Murder* and *The Tempest,* what else could you do? David Owen Lucas knew that being a guest lecturer was a good choice.

David Owen Lucas, of Victoria B.C., came to Niagara College to give a lecture on attitudes to the second year interior design students. "The need is present for all people to learn about attitudes and how to present one's self, whether it be in school or in the workplace," said Lucas.

He came to Niagara to teach the students about coping with the pressures of life, such as dealing with deadlines, meeting time restraints when they seem insurmountable and effective communication skills. Lucas is a scenic designer for theatres around the continent.

Lucas came to the Niagara Region to talk to Shaw Festival officials about set design. He is working on an opera called "Noah's Flood." Lucas will be designing the costumes for the cast and 70 masks for the choir. Noah's Flood is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations. Lucas is looking forward to his next project because he anticipates it will be his greatest work.

General Motors donates Camaro

There's a shiny black 1993 Camaro at Niagara College that will never see the road, but a number of automotive apprentices can't wait to get their hands on it to learn the latest in computer diagnostic technology, thanks to General Motors(GM) of Canada.

GM of Canada provided the high-tech coupe to Technical and Customized Training, Ventures Division, at Niagara's St. Catharines campus on Welland Vale Road. "The donation recognizes the work Niagara College does, and our partnership with them," said Reg Begin, associate administrator, Regional Training at GM of Canada Ltd. "And it also allows the entire community to benefit from the car, which is important to us."

Senior apprenticeship students in the Motive Power Trades program will study the advanced computer systems on the Camaro to learn how to diagnose and troubleshoot for any problems.

"This is a great opportunity for our students," said Brian Moukperian, director of Technical and Customized Training at Niagara College. "A car like that has unique diagnostic trouble codes and special servicing techniques are required. The complexity of its systems will help our apprentices learn the latest in automotive computerized instrumentation in a relaxed learning opportunity available to very few mechanics in the field."

The Camaro was presented to Niagara College President John Saso and Vice-President, Ventures, Dan Patterson in November during graduation ceremonies for the Business Leadership Certificate program.

Left to right, Reg Begin, associate administrator, Regional Training, General Motors (GM) of Canada Ltd.; Dave Drew, components plant manager, GM of Canada Ltd. Dan Patterson, vice-president, Ventures, Niagara College; Cynthia Trudell, engine foundry plant manager, GM of Canada Ltd.; John Saso, president, Niagara College

Special to Niagara News

'Our product is our students'

By ELIZABETH MONSERE
Staff Writer

This secluded campus offers beautiful landscapes and an area full of unique nature from plants, to blossoming flowers in the spring.

The Horticulture Centre is in St. Catharines at 360 Niagara St., offering the two-year Horticulture Technician program.

"I love this program. This program offers hands on experience for the students. We try to make it as practical as possible," says Tom Ball, co-ordinator for the Horticulture Technician program.

The Horticulture Centre will now form to be the School of Environment, Horticulture and Agri-Business.

Ball says the Horticulture program is "very technical" in nature, and it's a rewarding course.

The Horticulture Centre will be having an open house on March 25 and 26. Students have been in charge of planning and organizing the open house, preparing displays and getting crops ready.

"This event is open to the general public. It gives a chance for employers, community and the college to see what our students are doing," says Ball.

The Horticulture program has a three month co-op during the summer semester. The students must apply in the Horticulture area for their co-op.

The centre offers two apprenticeship programs landscaping and, new last year, communications of arborists.

The Horticulture students went on a trip yesterday Jan. 19 to the Landscape Trade Show in Hamilton, which is the largest trade show in North America.

"Our product is our students," says Ball.

Niagara College's St. Catharines Horticulture Centre on Niagara Street displays a wide variety of foliage.

Photo by Sue Noble

Niagara more accessible to the community

By SUE NOBLE
Staff Writer

There are a lot of services offered to students attending Niagara College.

That was the focus of Carol Boettcher's, vice-president of student life and human resources, welcoming speech to the January Start students at orientation on Jan. 9.

"Take full advantage of all the services the college has to offer," she told the students.

She said the college expects more than 500 students to register for classes this term and would like to see more people participating in orientation.

Boettcher said students need to be made aware of their rights and responsibilities as part of the college system.

The rights and policies of the college can be found in the student handbook, along with the many student services Niagara has to offer, she said.

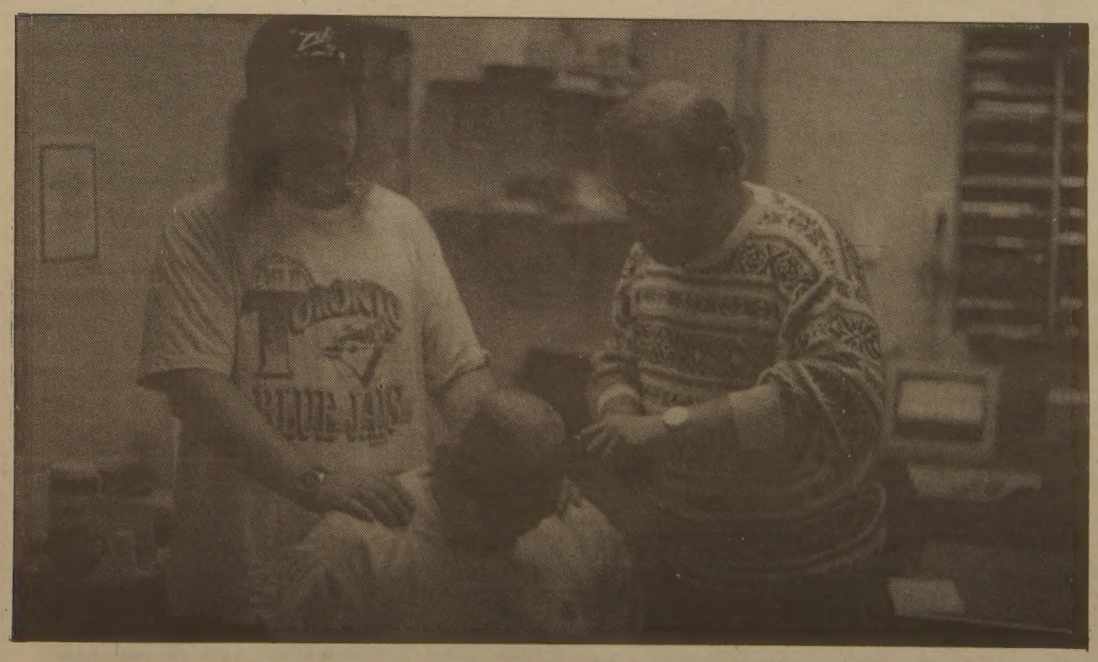
People traditionally received their education during the September through June semesters. However, Niagara is fast becoming more accessible to all those people wanting a post-secondary education, she said.

Niagara has recognized the needs of the community to have the college open for 12 months of the year and is reflective of those needs.

"People now have a variety of choices," said Boettcher.

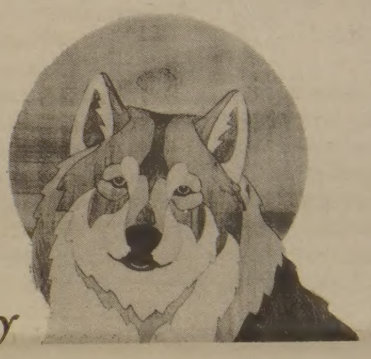
"The weekend and evening education programs are highly beneficial for people who work during the day but want to increase their credentials in their fields, such as the Social Service Program."

Shaved bald is punishment for not losing enough weight



Trevor Luchyshyn gets a close shave from Dan Cyr while Jeff Bott looks on. Luchyshyn lost the least amount of weight in the Lakewood challenge of Niagara College students to raise money to send a child to camp. The group lost a total of 99 pounds to raise $600 for the challenge.

Photo by Heath Anderson



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New system

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"The second phase that we are working concurrently with the registar's office and the Managment Information Services (MIS) a database for student records to create library cards," says Labonte.

"We will need to create another database of student records. Every student will have a library card with a bar code."

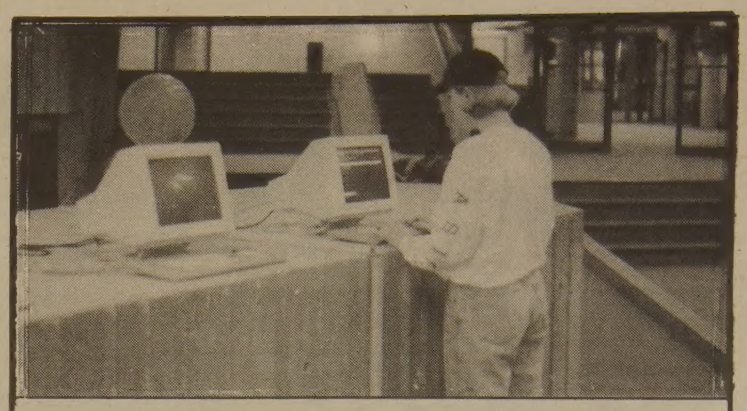
Labonte says the library suspects the college will probably want one student card with a bar code, which can be used in the library.

"Hopefully by next September students will be able to use their bar coded card. We will sign books out with a light pen system. These two projects will keep us fully occupied for the next year."

"We have also purchased a media booking module, which will help us manage and circulate our audio visual equipment and software.

'We can customize many of the features,' Trish Labonte

"Benefits of this particular automated system is that we can customize many of the features. What we will be looking for is a lot of student input to make sure it is operating as well as it can for their needs," says Labonte.



A student is working on the new automated system, which is now operational at the Welland library.

Photo by Elizabeth Monsere

SAC chooses food drive

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A national student strike and a food drive on Jan. 25, 1995 will answer the suspected federal budget cuts to be announced in February.

Niagara College Student Administrative Council (SAC) will be setting up bins around the Welland campus to encourage students to donate non-perishable food items.

CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) is supporting a national student strike, where students, both post-secondary and secondary, will not attend classes that day. The other organization, OCCSPA (Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association) is supporting a food drive on Jan. 25 to promote a more positive message in response to the proposed cuts.

In a decision made at a Niagara College SAC meeting held on Jan. 16, 1995, council agreed to support the food drive, as Niagara College SAC is a paid member of OCCSPA.

Students pick up the tab

By BRYAN BERNAT
Staff Writer

Ontario's post-secondary students may have to pick up the tab for a $700 million cut to education funding if the federal government follows through with its plan contained in a recent discussion paper, *Improving Social Security in Canada.*

The federal government has proposed the elimination of the post-secondary cash portion of the Established Programs Financing (EPF) transfer program.

"Ontario could not possibly compensate for a loss of this magnitude through simple adjustments," said Dave Cooke, Ontario minister of education.

"If students were forced to absorb this entire $700 million reduction, tuition fees in Ontario could rise by 105 per cent over 1994-95 levels," he said.

Post-secondary institutions might be forced to reduce placement or shut down if tuition fees don't rise, he said. The $700 million is the entire operating grant for three of Ontario's major universities: York University, University of Ottawa, and the University of Toronto. The $700 million loss also represents almost 90 per cent of the cost of provincial support to Ontario's entire college system.

The federal government's answer to higher tuition is the *Income-contingent repayment program* (ICRP). The program would enable students pay back their debts based on their income after graduation.

Through Canada and Ontario Student Loans programs about $1.2 billion in funding will be provided to about 200,000 students.

Student assistance has increased 60 per cent since 1990-91. In 1990-91$470 million was provided to 113,000 students. More than 40 per cent of college and university students need student assistance.

The maximum loan debt for college and university OSAP recipients is $6,000 per year. The higher tuition fees would further students' debt, even with the ICRP plan because increased tuition would increase OSAP loans.

'Tuition fees in Ontario could rise 105 per cent over 1994-95 levels,' David Cooke

"All the responsibility shouldn't be placed on the students," said Jason Graham, Niagara College SAC president. "Students should do whatever they can to let the federal government know that we can't be forced to compensate for a loss of transfer payments. Education should not be just for the wealthy few."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ladies bare their souls in Hamilton

By JASON GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Touring behind their latest CD, *Maybe you should drive*, the Barenaked Ladies proved they are not a one CD band.

On Dec. 18, 1994, at Hamilton Place in Hamilton, Ont., the Barenaked Ladies entertained the crowd for just under two hours with songs from both of their hit CDs.

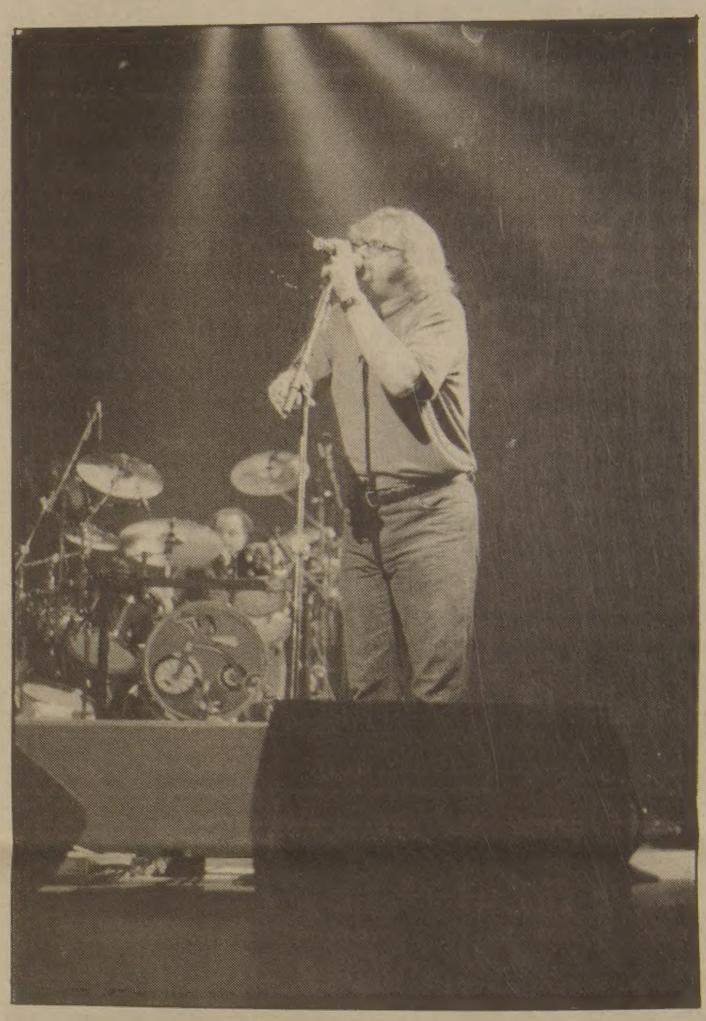
Toronto band Bass is Base got the crowd in a jumping mood with their brand of funk-based jazz and soulful lyrics. The six-member band hit their highest mark with a pumped up version of their hit single *Funkmobile*. This left the crowd in a good mood and impatient for the Barenaked Ladies to begin their set.

At 9 p.m., the Ladies exploded onto the stage and into the first song, *Her Life in a Nutshell*. The stage was a basic set up with various sizes of bicycles hanging from the ceiling. At one point in the show drummer Tyler Stewart did circles around the stage on a bicycle while the band continued to play.

The band was a little tight for the first part of the show, picking various songs from both of their CDs equally. A highlight of the night was the song *If I Had a Million Dollars*, where the crowd ritually showers the band with boxes of Kraft Dinner when the appropriate line comes up in the song.

The Ladies displayed their ability to please people across the whole musical spectrum. Through each song they carry conventional pop beats with unique, close to home lyrics, all harmonized beautifully. They like to involve the crowd, encouraging sing-a-longs and applause to the beat of each song.

The 2,138 people who paid $31.50 a ticket had a great time which proves the Barenaked Ladies have established themselves as a strong force on the Canadian music scene.



The Barenaked Ladies sure gave the crowd what they had asked for when they performed at Hamilton Place on Dec. 18.
Photo by Jason Graham

Bad season for the Four Seasons

By ERIN JONES
Staff Writer

The Four Seasons have come out with a new album called the Dance Album.

Unfortunately it doesn't sound like a dance album, it sounds sort of like the soundtrack from *Beverly Hills Cop*.

The Four Seasons doing dance music is like Axl Rose doing opera. It's not pretty.

The Seasons struggle to use dance as a vehicle to becoming contemporary. They fail miserably.

Dance is a genre they just don't understand. They don't create the type of music I would like to hear in a dance bar, regardless of the number of Manhattans I had put back.

Although some tracks are fun, the music is very hard to get into. This album was painful to listen to and impossible to dance to.

Most of the songs have wimpy repetitive lyrics and they don't jive with the music.

The Seasons overuse drum machines and keyboards giving the music a false, tin-like sound.

The only song on the whole album worth mentioning is December 1963 (*Oh What A Night*). Now this is a song you can really cut a rug to.

All in all, the only people I would recommend this album to are sitting in an institute for the musically challenged.

Roswell works wonders on low budget

By JOHN SAVOIE
Staff Writer

Spanking The Monkey

Most stodgy movies end up in the drama section of the video store.

Spanking the Monkey recently released on video cassette, has hit the drama section although labeled as an off-beat comedy. Well if the title doesn't scare you off maybe the plot will. On the backside of the video it boasts Spanking The Monkey is about a college student forced to care for his injured mother. He also has trouble finding an outlet for his sexual frustrations.

After several scenes of Jeremy Davies spanking his own monkey, having a sexual affair with his mother and a 15-year-old high-school girl the comedy just slips by monotonously. There is 99 minutes of malarkey.

The acting is bland, and the plot is certainly off-beat. This comedy won the Audience Favourite Award at the 1994 Sundance Film Festival. It seems every moronic film wins some kind of award.

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Renaissance Man

Renaissance Man parallels The Dead Poets Society as Danny DeVito stars as a reading comprehension teacher at a military base.

He soon inspires a group of army misfits to strive for their dreams and motivates them to be the best they can be.

DeVito does a well enough job acting out his role but the movie becomes sterile after a half hour.

No big plot twists here and we already know the ending.

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Roswell

In 1947 a New Mexico farmer discovered a strange metallic object which had collided with the earth. Pictures of alien entities soon were published along with the theory of a cover-up by the US military. Veteran actors Martin Sheen and Kyle MacLachlan bring in a unique conservative attitude in Roswell. Special effects and scenery are adequate in this low budget film. This is a first serious attempt to bring the historical Roswell UFO crash to film.

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Rating sytem goes from poor ($) to excellent ($$$$$)

Up and coming

There are five different clubs sponsored by the Niagara College Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Anyone wishing to establish a student body club at Niagara can pick up a club information package from Bren Brigg at the SAC office in the After Hours building. 735-2211 ext. 7659 voice mail 6458

The Social Service Club
contact: Steve McCitcheon
"PANiC" Political Association of Niagara College Club
contact: Trevor Twinning
Interior Design 1
contact: Pam Cook
Interior Design 2
contact: Kelly Masterson
Human Relations Club
contact: Jen Forde
Construction Club
contact: Pat Ritcher

Other clubs have been established, and requested recognition without any financial support from SAC.

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SPORTS

Men's volleyball sweep Mohawk

By SHELLEY HOLDEN
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday night in men's volleyball action, the Niagara Knights won three straight sets to sweep the Mohawk Mountaineers.

In the Welland campus gymnasium, the Knights were powerful against the strong Mountaineers, defeating them 15-10, 15-11, and 15-13. With this win, the Knights record is seven wins and three losses and move into second place.

After being absent from the team for two months, Greg Heyder returned to have an excellent game. Heyder led the team both offensively and defensively, having 20 kills and six blocks. Blair Cudmore followed with 14 kills and four blocks.

"I was very pleased with the results of the game," said Ray Sarkis, coach of the men's volleyball team. "We needed to win this game because the remainder of our games are on the road and prove to be tougher."

Sarkis commended Drew Clements, the Knights setter, who mixed the sets very well and kept the Mountaineers guessing.

The Knights have also picked up Jim Konrad, a student who has returned to take the Recreation Leadership program. Unfortunately, they lost a middle player, Franz Schuster, who is currently in a co-op program. "With the returning of Heyder and the addition of Konrad, this will help us out immensely and give us depth on the bench," said Sarkis.

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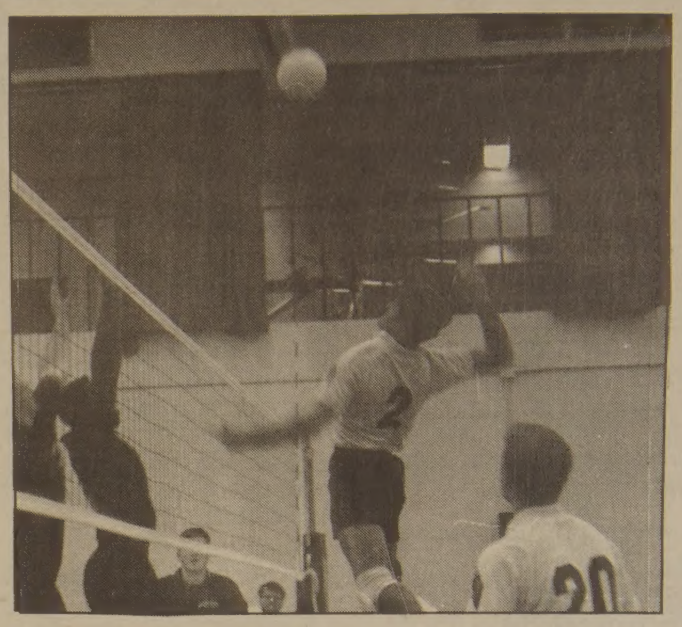
Sarkis said their record is the best they've had in eight years at this stage in the season.

Blair Cudmore represented Niagara in the men's volleyball all-star game last Saturday at Sheridan College, in Oakville, Ont.

The Knights' next match will be at Sheridan on Jan. 20. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



Greg Heyder #2 attempting a spike against Mohawk
Photo by Craig Morrison

Beattie happy over team's success

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

First-year head coach Jim Beattie has his work cut out as he guides the men's hockey team into the second half of the varsity season.

The Knights started the 16-game season with three straight losses, but bounced back losing only once more in their next five games ending the first half of the season at three wins, four losses and one tie.

Niagara currently sits near the middle of the nine-team league in fifth place. The top six teams advance to the playoffs.

Coach Beattie says the young team had about a 50 per cent turnover rate this year but still maintained a decent core of players.

The former assistant coach says this year's hockey club is more balanced compared to last year's team.

"Last year we had a one-line offence which produced about 60 to 70 per cent of our goals. It's more comforting to coach a team that's balanced because everyone comes up big," he said.

Beattie, a former Niagara College student, played under former head coach Fred Bassi for three years before becoming his assistant and eventually succeeding the veteran coach.

Head Coach Jim Beattie

"Freddie was here 25 years. If I could be here 25 years, I'd be happy," Beattie said.

Although no longer coach of the Knights, Bassi still remains very active in the team's business handling the administrative affairs such as making sure eligibility requirements are met, organizing road trips and taking care of any school business that involves the team.

Women's basketball looking for more players

By DAVE CRANE
Staff Writer

The long holiday proved costly for the Niagara College women's basketball team as they suffered a 64-42 loss to Fanshawe College in London on Jan. 12.

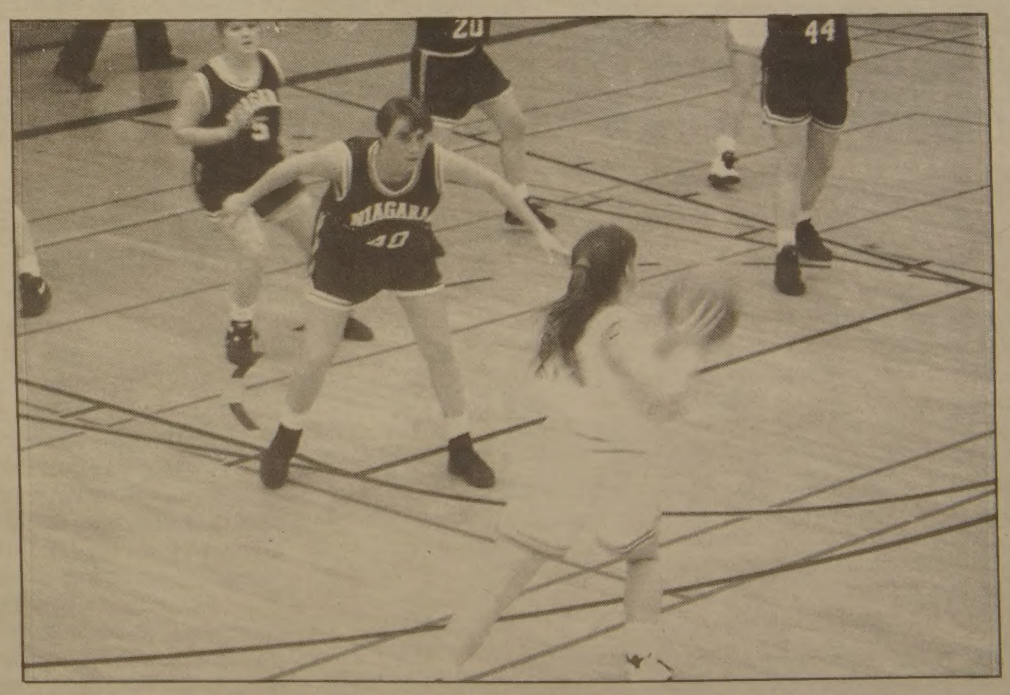
The loss leaves the Knights' record at a respectable four wins and three losses, but there is reason for concern as they have lost two in a row dating back to the first semester.

The Knights were led by forward Shelley Doncaster who drained 13 points. Both Kelly Smith and Julie McLaren had nine points each.

The Knights bolstered their roster over the Christmas break adding two new forwards, Shennon Simpell and Bonnie Berger, both girls bring some much needed height to the line-up. Coach Todd Stevens is still looking for new players. All interested women can come to practice on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in the gym.

In other news, the Knights will send four members to the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) All Star Game this Saturday at Durham College in Oshawa.

Diana DiPietro, Shelley Doncaster and Kelly Smith will take part in the annual game, while Shelley Holden will represent the college in the three-point shooting skills competition.



Shelley Doncaster #40 defends against a Fanshawe player
Photo by Michael Mucaki

Welcome back sports fans!

Knights win big on the road

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights men's basketball team jumped quickly in front 21-3 and managed to hang-on and defeat the Fanshawe Falcons 75-58 in London, Ont., on Jan 12.

The Knights were led by Derek Flindall, who scored 22 points, Adriaan Knaap with 20 points and Mike Hurley with 18 points.

"In the whole it was the biggest game of the season at this point," said head coach Randy Conlon.

"This was the best team effort we've had so far this season.

"Frank Keltos did a good job holding their best player to just nine points," said Conlon.

"Our team was hyped up after that quick start," said Knaap.

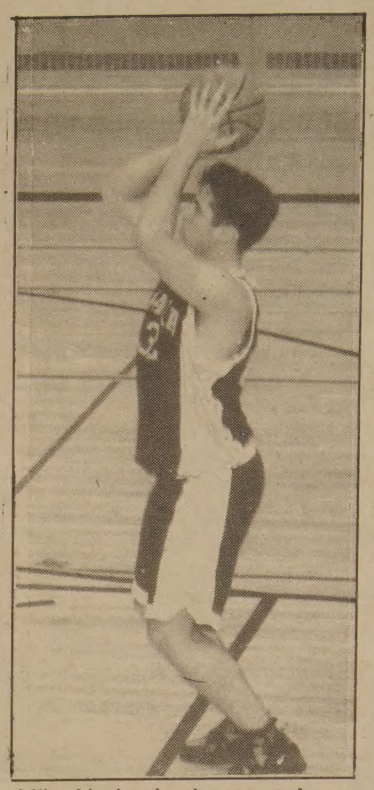
"We played very well on defense. They missed some easy shots.

"We're playing a lot better as a team and we should continue to get better every game," said Knaap.

Knaap has recently won the Niagara College Athletic/Academic Scholarship for 1994/95 season.

Knaap has averaged 14 points a game and averaged 10 rebounds.

Niagara's Mike Hurley and Frank Keltos were elected to the all-star team, which will play at Durham College in Oshawa on Saturday.



Mike Hurley is about to take a shot in the Knights' big win at London.
Photo by Michael Mucaki

Niagara's next game is at home against first-place Humber College from Etobicoke on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Welland campus gym.

Devils look good in shortened season

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

It's finally here. The National Hockey League (NHL) season gets under way tonight with eight games scheduled.

The two sides finally agreed on a basis for a collective bargaining agreement after a 103 days of the lockout by the team owners.

Expect Sergei Federov of the Detroit Red Wings to score the most points and Martin Brodeur of the New Jersey Devils to have the lowest goals against average.

In the Western Conference, look for the Detroit Red Wings to finish in first place followed closely by the St. Louis Blues and the Dallas Stars.

The Toronto Maple Leafs, Vancouver Canucks, Anaheim Mighty Ducks, Calgary Flames and the Chicago Blackhawks should also make the playoffs.

Teams like the Los Angeles Kings and the San Jose Sharks will struggle because they are older teams. Expect both teams to make major trades later this year.

The Edmonton Oilers are close, but not quite ready to make the playoffs this year.

In the Eastern Conference, the New Jersey Devils and the New York Rangers should finish on top.

Other teams to make the playoffs should include the Buffalo Sabres, Boston Bruins, Washington Capitals, Montreal Canadiens, Philadelphia Flyers and Pittsburgh Penguins.

Teams like the Florida Panthers, Quebec Nordiques and New York Islanders will make it close but won't make the playoffs.

This year's finals will involve one team that has never reached the finals - the New Jersey Devils and a team that has not been in the finals since the 1970s - the St. Louis Blues.

Bassi receives Wall of Fame award

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Fred Bassi, a former hockey coach at Niagara College for 24 years, is the first person inducted to the Niagara College Student Centre Wall of Fame.

Bassi was honored on Dec. 6 in After Hours by Dave Rapelje, manager of the Student Centre and Jason Graham, president of Student Administrative Council (SAC), in front of about 50 people.

His picture is displayed at the student centre.

"I feel very honored to be recognized for my accomplishments at the college," said Bassi.

"If I had a choice to do it again, I would be back at Niagara College."

This year, Bassi remains as a manager for the Niagara Knights hockey team.

"It's important for me to stay with the program," said Bassi. "I'm a Niagara Knight and my blood runs blue.

"Niagara College will always be part of my life," said Bassi.

Bassi was drafted by the Boston Bruins in 1960, when he was 15.

He played for their farm team, the Syracuse Blazers, in the old Eastern Hockey League in 1967.

Rapelje said the Wall of Fame is a good way to recognize people for the accomplishments they achieved at the college.

"The Wall of Fame is a good way to thank people for what they have done for the college," said Rapelje.

Fred Bassi (centre) receives the first Wall of Fame award from Jason Graham, left, and Dave Rapelje.
Photo by Michael Mucaki

"Every year we hope to put a new member on to the Wall of Fame," said Rapelje.

Graham said Bassi has contributed to the college and is an "excellent choice for the first person to be inducted to the Wall of Fame.

"Bassi has been a big figure at the college for many years," said Graham."

Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics, said Bassi deserves to receive the Wall of Fame award.

"They couldn't pick a better guy than Fred," said Rylander.

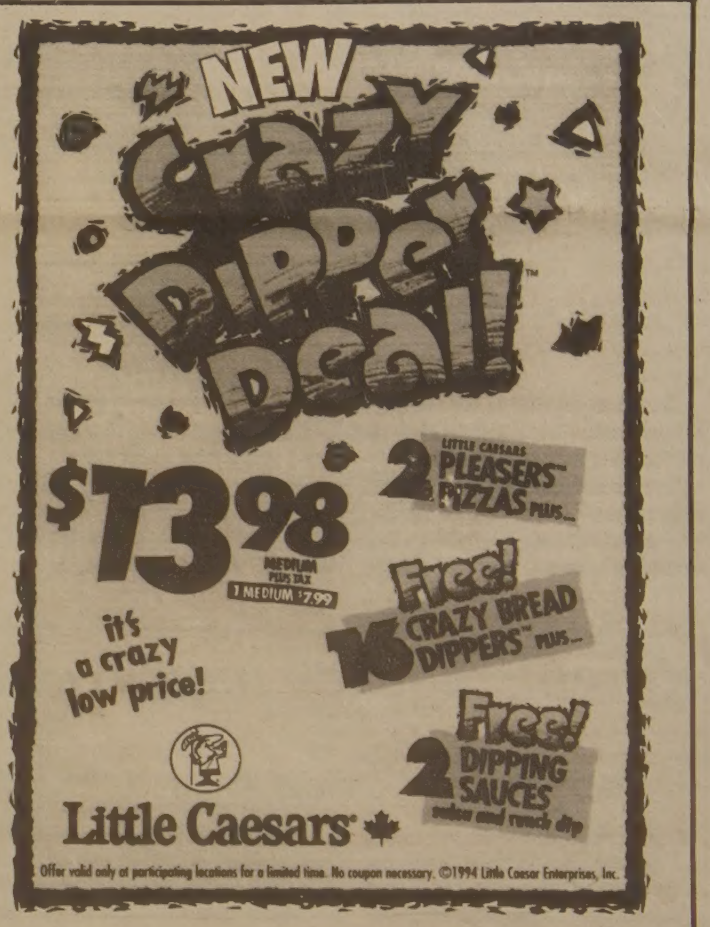
"To me sports is the best way to get some life into the college atmosphere."

"The Wall of Fame is a wonderful idea to recognize sports," said Rylander.

Dave Crane, captain of the Knights hockey team, said Bassi deserves the honor for his hard work and dedication.

"I think it is good he was inducted, because he coached for 24 years and he devoted a lot of his time to the college."

"He was a player's coach," said Crane. "He was fun to play for last year."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Basketball player and RCMP officer all in one

By MICHAEL MUCAKI
Staff Writer

Shelley Doncaster has helped the women's basketball team at Niagara College become a success in the team's first year back into the league after being reinstated last spring.

Doncaster, standing 5-7, averages 13 points a game. As a forward, she has helped the Knights to a record of four wins and three losses as of Jan. 16.

"We are doing very well in the league right now compared to how we thought we would be doing at the beginning of the year," she said.

"We have picked up a couple girls this semester who are really going to help our team.

"We're starting to play better as a team. We're learning how other people play."

Coach Todd Stevens said Doncaster accepts responsibility for her errors.

"She's a coach's dream. She gives 100 per cent effort every day, every game."

Doncaster was selected to the all-star game to be played at Durham College in Oshawa on Saturday. Other players selected to the all-star team from Niagara College include Kelly Smith, Dianna Dipietro and Stevens. Shelley Holden will be in the all-star game in the three-point shot contest.

Doncaster has recently won the Niagara College Athletic/Academic Scholarship for the 1994/95 season.

Doncaster, 23, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student, was born in Oxford, N.S.

She said she wanted to take a criminology course, but did not find anything in that area, then applied to Niagara College.

"Now I'm here and I love it."

"I got accepted to the RMCP a couple months ago. I'll finish this program in April. In May, I will be going to Regina, Sask., to start training for six months."

She will finish her training in October and become an RCMP officer.

"From Nova Scotia to Ontario to Saskatchewan and probably to British Columbia because that's where they are posting everybody.

"I like it here in Ontario, it's a lot different than the Maritimes in regards to the pace of life where as here, it is very fast paced."

"In the Maritimes it is very relaxed and in Ontario everything here is hustle and bustle but I like it just the same, it just took some adjusting."

"Some people ask me if the traveling bothers me, but I'd enjoy traveling place to place, that does not bother me at all.

"After this (Niagara), I'd like to get into coaching, the only type of playing maybe is in a women's league, but I'd really like to get into coaching high school basketball."

In high school she played other sports like soccer and track and field.

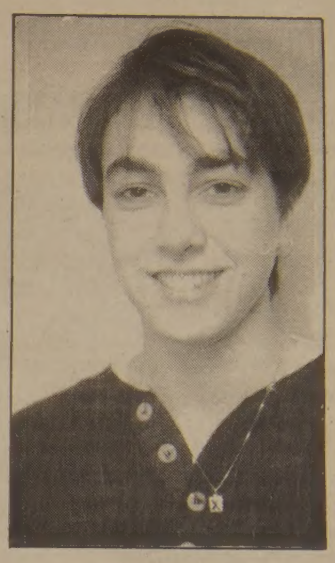
Doncaster looked up to her basketball coach from high school.

"I looked up to Al Hart, who coached me in high school for four years.

"He was the the type of person that you could go to even if it was not about basketball.

"If I had any problems with basketball, he was the man I went to. He was just fabulous for me in high school.

"I learned a lot from him. That's not who I owe my playing ability to now, but he did tremendous things for me in high school."



SHELLEY DONCASTER

Women's v-ball overcomes obstacles to play this weekend at Canadore

By SHELLEY HOLDEN
Staff Writer

Despite rumors of a possible folding, the Niagara Knights women's volleyball team beat Sarnia Lambton last Friday night.

With a home-field advantage, Niagara won three of the four sets, 15-10, 15-4, 12-15, 15-9. Keara Kalckreath led the Knights with 19 kills.

At the beginning of the season's second half, the Knights had six players, leaving them with no substitutes. Michelle Flaglor, who had only played five per cent of the first half of the season, stepped up into a starting position at middle hitter.

"For Michelle to take over a lead role, like middle hitter, she played beyond my expectations," said John Kwiatkowski, coach for the women's volleyball team.

"I was very impressed with tonight's game."

'Team harmony is a big thing'

The Knights have two new players joining their roster Laurie Shipp, who played on the team last year, and Danielle Pippo. "These two girls give us depth on the bench for height," said Kwiatkowski.

He said the team is in a developing stage and each game is taken "point by point."

"Team harmony is a big thing to me and I believe we have a close-knit group of girls," said Kwiatkowski.

Although this team has lost four women since the season's start, there are still players who wants to play.

The Knights record is 3-5, with seven games left in their season.

They travel to North Bay this weekend to play Canadore College.

Laura Chatterton represented Niagara in the women's volleyball all-star game played last Saturday at Sheridan College in Oakville.

Knights hockey improve record to 4-4-1

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

For the first time this year, Niagara is playing winning hockey with a big road win against Sir Sandford Fleming College on Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Knights improved their record to four wins, four losses and one tie with a 5-4 win last weekend in Lindsay, Ont.

Niagara took a 5-3 lead late in the third period when Dave Crane broke loose on a breakaway and scored the winner. Sir Sandford Fleming pulled their goaltender and scored with under two minutes to go, but could not get the equalizer as Niagara held on for the win.

Goal scorers for Niagara were Alain Belanger with two, with singles going to Chris DiGiacomo, Jason Brazeau and Crane.

Niagara's next action is tomorrow night at the Welland Arena when they play an exhibition game against the Welland High School all-star team at 8 p.m.

Next league game will be a good challenge for the Knights as they take on the top scorers of the league, Cambrian College from Sudbury, on Friday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Welland Arena.

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ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE LAWRENCEVILLE

New nursing option

By BRENT LADEROUTE
Staff Writer

A university program to train nurse practitioners will begin next September, announced Health Minister Ruth Grier on Dec. 13.

Nurse practitioners are registered nurses who have additional nursing education and can provide services in health promotion, prevention and treatment of disease and injuries, rehabilitation and support. Their services compliment those provided by the family physician and other primary health care providers.

"Nurse practitioners offer a nursing alternative to the traditional treatment role of doctors and at the same time free doctors to do more of what they're trained to do," said Grier. "This is about offering patients greater access to a diverse team of health care providers."

This is the first time a program of this kind has been offered in Canada since 1983.

All 10 of Ontario's university nursing schools will offer the program, which will accept 75 registered nurses per year.

Nurses with a degree will study for 12 months for the Nurse Practitioner certificate. Diploma-trained nurses will take a 24-month program, after which they will receive a Nurse Practitioner certificate, as well as a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Grier also announced that the ministry will make the necessary changes to fully recognize the role of nurse practitioners.

Research in the United States and Canada over the last 25 years indicates care provided by nurse practitioners results in fewer interventions, fewer hospitalizations, and improved long-term care health outcomes such as better hypertension control, better weight control and improved compliance to treatment.

Student helps relief effort

By JOHN SAKARS
Staff Writer

Amber Chrastina understands the meaning of helping others at Christmas.

During December, the 19-year-old, second-year Human Relations program student helped the Welland branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society raise $990.

The money is earmarked for the Child Alive Program, sponsored by the Red Cross, for which Chrastina worked as the fundraiser.

The program is part of an international health care program for developing countries, and buys packages of salts that are given to children in developing countries with dysentery.

Dysentery is an inflammation of the intestines, causing severe diarrhea, which Chrastina said is common in places with unsanitary living conditions.

She said this diarrheal disease, along with malnutrition, results in a salt debt which "children could die from if they're not treated."

The oral rehydration salts are mixed with water, and are given by the Red Cross relief workers to those who are dehydrated, she said.

Chrastina worked for the society, which she said is run entirely by volunteers, during November and early December for her field placement.

She said she took donations at a booth at the Lincoln Mall in Welland on Dec. 10, and also typed and sent letters to churches and schools, informing them about the program and suggesting ways to help raise money.

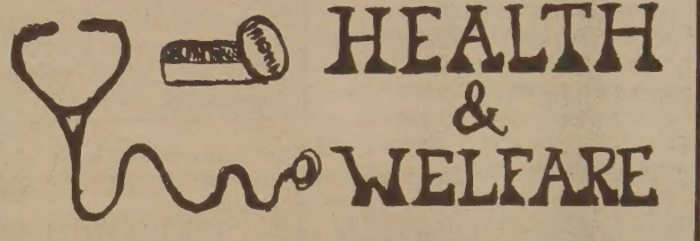
Chrastina said various churches and schools in Welland made donations, including a $250 donation from Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC), on a motion made by Dawn Swayze, SAC's vice-president internal.

The salt packages, which are made by the United Nations Children's Fund, are bought by the society at 15 cents each.

"Every 15 cents is matched three to one by the Canadian International Development Agency, so 15 cents saves not one life, but four," said Chrastina.

She said the society's Welland Branch manager, Rosemary Chupik, asked her to become a board member, and possibly work for the Child Alive Program in the following years.

"I wanted to stay on—I enjoyed the work I did on field placement."



Flesh eating disease in Niagara

only case so far in 94/95

By MICHAEL GREVES
Staff Writer

A 32-year-old St. Catharines man and his family are being treated for necrotizing fascitis, commonly known as the flesh eating disease.

Reported by the Niagara Region Health Services Department on Jan. 11, 1995, the unnamed man received surgical treatment and antibiotics for the wound. He was diagnosed by an infectious disease consultant from Hamilton.

This is the first reported case for the Niagara Region for both 1994 and 1995. Despite the recent increase in Southern Ontario over the past few months, this disease is still considered rare with only one person out of 100,000 affected per year.

There must be a wound of some kind to allow the bacteria to enter the body, the department said.

Necrotizing fascitis is caused by a common bacteria, which is theorized to undergo genetic changes, and is also called toxic shock syndrome or invasive strep A disease.

For protection against this disease, attend to wounds promptly, cleaning them with an antiseptic solution, the department said.

The early signs of necrotizing fascitis are black tissue surrounding wounds, redness and swelling of surrounding tissue and disproportionate pain in a wound.

Consult your physician immediately if you develop any of these signs. For more information call the Niagara Region Health Services Department, Communicable Disease Division, (905) 688-3762 or 1-800-263-7248.

Dental clinic opens

By VICTORIA BECK
Staff Writer

It's open. It's open. Are you wondering what's open? It's the Niagara College Dental Clinic. They are open and offer a variety of services to the public.

The dental hygiene clinic operates January through June, and has limited appointments available to adults and children.

The appointments run about three hours each and include a complete dental examination and radiographs as needed, a thorough cleaning and polishing of teeth and fluoride treatment. A nominal registration fee is charged for adult clients.

The dental hygiene children's clinic for children aged six to 16 operates January to June. Children receive a complete oral examination, teeth polishing and individual oral hygiene instruction.

Restorations and minor surgery are performed in the restorative clinic. The clinic operates on Wednesdays from January to April. Appointments generally last one hour and a cost estimate is provided.

Eligibility for these services is determined in the dental hygiene clinic.

The Niagara College Dental Clinic is located on the third floor of the Simcoe building at the Welland campus. For appointments, please call (905) 735-2211, 384-9760, 382-2383, ext. 7758.

Blood awards for LASA

By ERIN JONES
Staff Writer

The Law and Security Administration (LASA) program has won both the Corpsuckle Cup and the Buddy Blood Drop Jr. Trophy for the 25th annual blood donor clinic held at Niagrara College on Oct. 27.

The Corpsuckle Cup is awarded to the program with the largest per cent of donors. LASA had 36 per cent.

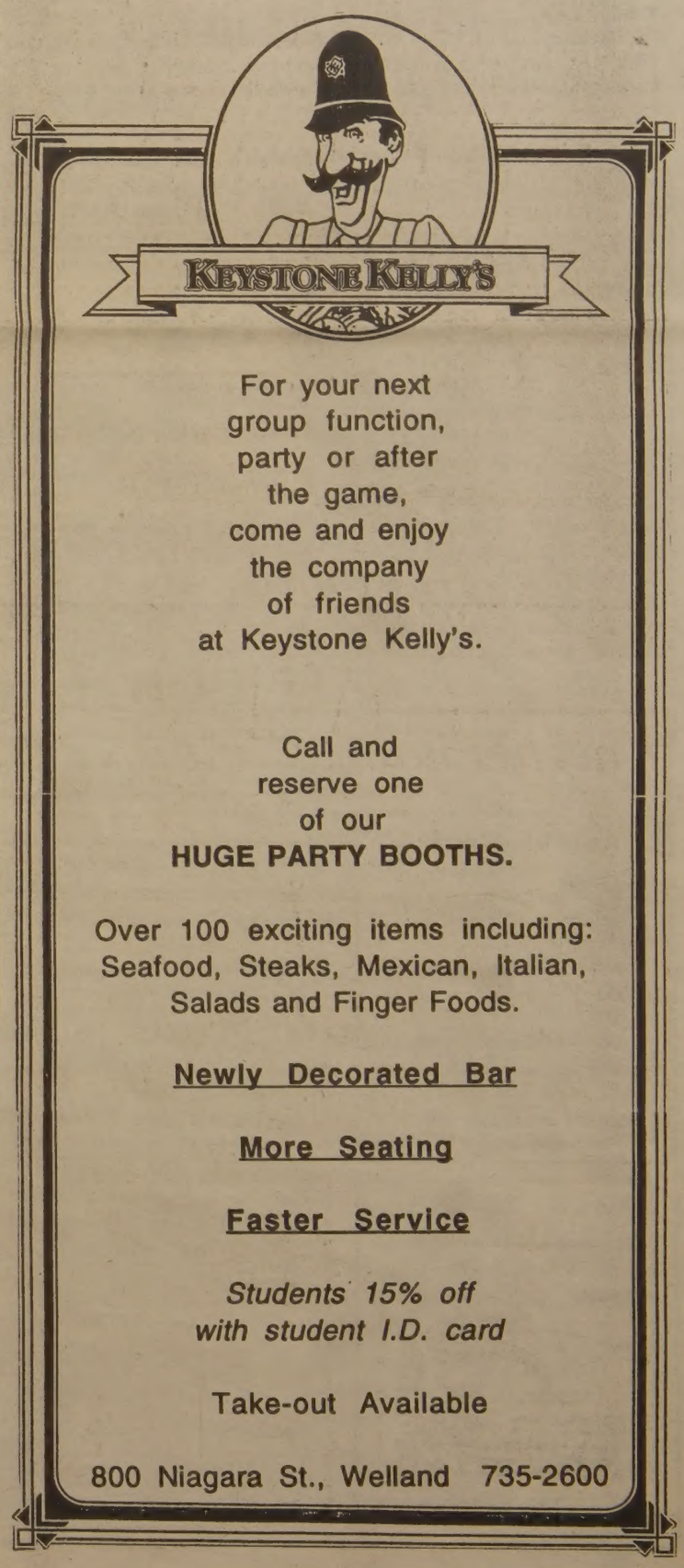
LASA won the Buddy Blood Drop Jr. Award, which goes to the program donating the most pints of blood, with 69 pints of blood.

They also came in second place for the award with 40 pints of blood.

Management Information Systems (MIS) has won the Staff Award with the greatest number of donations.

"I was a little disappointed with the number of donations overall," said Jan Potton, the clinic organizer.

This year's clinic produced 204 pints of blood, 96 pints short of the goal.



BRTF on the move - literally

Tecumseh centre new location for CRNC

By PAUL HARDY
Staff Writer

The expansion of the Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program is moving along right on schedule, says co-ordinator Stu Black.

The program underwent some changes during the Christmas break, including the relocation of film-editing suites and CRNC's on-air studio. Other renovations will begin around May or June.

Black says the changes have freed up some much needed space for the program. "We were bulging at the seams," he says.

Part of the college's Master Plan, the BRTF expansion began ahead of schedule in order to help accommodate the high number of first-year students.

Black says there was a need for office space to house part-time faculty. He says not having the office space made it difficult for students to meet with part-time staff.

Music Director Robert Crumb, 22, a second-year Broadcasting-Radio, Television and Film student, shows off the new CRNC on-air studio in the Tecumseh centre. **Photo by Paul Hardy**

While the film-editing suites were moved to another room in the Voyageur wing, CRNC's on-air studio has been relocated to the former fashion boutique area in the Tecumseh centre.

Black says the high-traffic area will raise the profile of the station. Feedback from students has been positive so far, he says.

Although some of the radio students were "petrified" of having to work in such a highly visible area, they now look forward to their on-air shifts, says Black.

Seventh Fire director surprisingly resigns

'We are losing a very valuable resource' said Johns

By GORDON HILL
Staff Writer

Bonnie Winskel, the director of the Seventh Fire office, has resigned as the aboriginal access manager for Niagara College.

Her resignation came as a surprise to the students and faculty at Niagara College as well as Brock University, where Winskel is a member of the aboriginal council.

No replacement has been named.

Winskel is leaving behind a void that will be difficult to replace. She contributed to the aboriginal community in the Niagara Region as well as an education counsellor; a producer of aboriginal programs at the college level and a member of the board of directors of the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

"I don't know who they will get to fill her shoes, but I hope it will be someone as knowledgeable and quick to respond to our program needs as she is," said Beverly Hill, the assistant co-ordinator for Winskel's innovative aboriginal culinary program.

The program is the latest in which Winskel played a part, including the Mohawk language class at Brock University and Two Row Programs for professionals dealing with aboriginal people at Niagara College's Welland campus, and the culinary course being held at Niagara College's Dunn Street campus in Niagara Falls.

"We are losing a very valuable ally in the struggle to achieve funding for programs in our area, and she will be sorely missed because she was the brains behind many aboriginal programs," said Larry Johns, who worked with Winskel at the Friendship Centre.

"The whole native community feels like we are losing a very valuable resource," he added.

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King conquers . . . ?

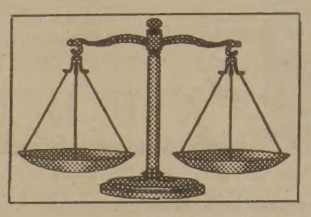
By DAWN SWAYZE
Staff Writer

Why bother acknowledging the birth of a man whose overwhelming accomplishments continue to be overlooked?

The man in question is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His life was surrounded by controversial civil rights victories. From the depths of the black South to the ghettos of Chicago's windy city streets, King's presence is felt. He has been eternally immortalized in the hearts and minds of black America.

Why does the majority of white America continue to stereotype King's efforts as a black experience? When will all of America embrace the ideals of this legendary man? Will society ever overcome the blatant misconceptions regarding color, creed, and sexual orientation?

King stated, "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now . . . We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation. This may well be mankind's last chance to choose between chaos and community."



His speech at the 1963 civil rights march on Washington has come to symbolize the victories of an era. King's efforts were made to bring needed improvement to the equality of all people. Not only did King preach, he educated. In his lifetime he attempted to show the masses that there are ways to overcome social and economic barriers.

As you read this blurb of opinion, from a white middle-class woman, you may be thinking, what does she know? Honestly, I know no more or less than the average student of life. The difference being that I've taken the opportunity to expand my mind on King's beliefs.

The anniversary of King's birthday was celebrated on Jan. 15. It was commemorated by 24 states in America in 1985, under various names and celebrated on different days.

Why not 50 states?

Technology runs rampant at Niagara

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

If you've ever wondered how they make those tiny computer circuits in your watch or video camera, the answer is closer than you may realize.

Hybrid microelectronics is a growing industry around the world, and Niagara College is at the forefront of training. Niagara's microelectronics lab, which is located in the Mackenzie building at the Welland campus, is home to Canada's only student chapter of the International Society for Hybrid Microelectronics (ISHM).

Students studying microelectronics learn how to make the tiny circuit boards used in such things as hearing aids and fibre optic transmitters.

"You name it, it's got it (microelectronics)," said Bob Holder. Holder graduated from Niagara's Electronics Engineering Technology program two years ago, teaches labs for students in the Microelectronic Technology II and III courses, and is the liaison between the ISHM student chapter and the main chapter in Reston, Va.

"With the hybrids," said Holder, "you'd be dealing with silicon wafer fabrication, thick film and thin film technologies." Thick and thin films are ceramic plates used in the production of integrated circuits.

Students who specialize in this field in their fourth term of the Electronics Engineering Technology program receive three terms of microelectronics training. Holder said Niagara College's ISHM chapter began in 1980 and has a current membership of 15 students. He said this is Canada's only student chapter because "a microelectronics facility is not that easy to get going."

"What we have has built up over the years," he said.

The equipment in the "microlab" varies from a super hot furnace for oxidizing silicon wafers, to a nitrogen-flooded chamber for sealing the finished circuits against oxidization.

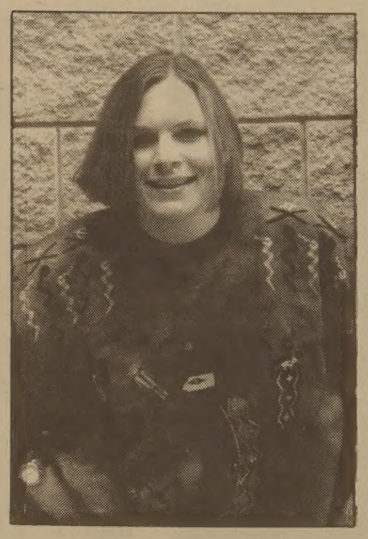
Holder said most of the equipment in the lab comes as donations, and some of it is put into working order by students.

One of the problems with getting equipment donated, said Holder, is many of the pieces come without instruction manuals. This leaves the staff and students to devise their own manuals, or track down manuals from the manufacturers. He said attending ISHM's annual conference has helped him obtain several operation manuals, as well as many job contacts.

The annual ISHM conference showcases new microelectronics products and equipment. It also allows the International chapters of ISHM to share new ideas about their work. Holder said there are also companies at the conference looking for graduating students. He predicts the North American Free Trade Agreement will make it easier for students to find co-op placements in the U.S.

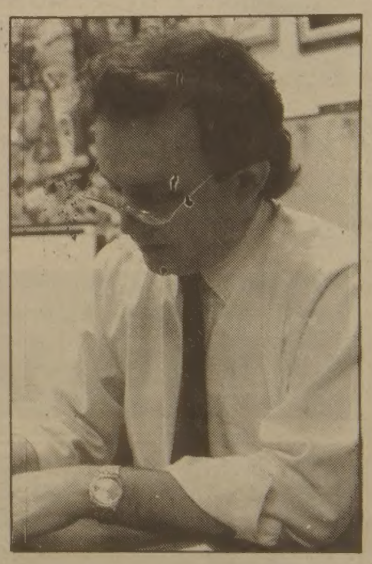
Worldwide, ISHM has about 50,000 members and Holder, who recently took over as ISHM adviser, said students can join for only $12 US a year. Membership includes a subscription to the society's monthly publication, "Advanced Packaging and Materials." Only students in the Electronics Engineering Technology program who are registered in a microelectronics course are eligible to join.

Niagara Speaks



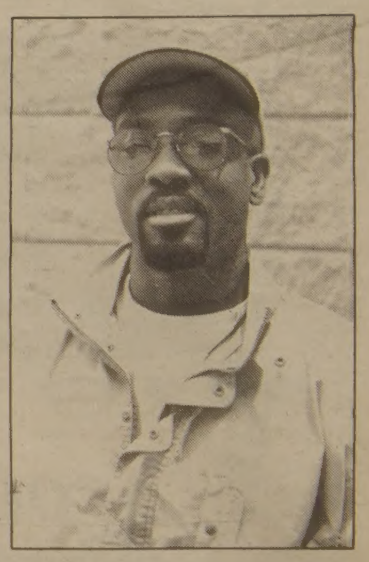
"Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who stood up for what he believed in and changed the course of history for civil rights."

ALISON RYNN
Law and Security Administration program student



"Martin Luther King Jr. was a man of strong principles and beliefs who envisioned an opportunity for black America and set out to accomplish it at the expense of his own life."

WAYNE SMITH
Computer Engineering Technology program student



"How one man can make a difference in the lives of many. This day should remind us of justices and how much society as a whole needs to change to achieve the dreams that Dr. King spoke of."

JEN FORD
Human Relations program student

"In the '60s, when I was a university student, there was social change occurring all around us. This was the era of the Vietnam War, the civil rights movement in the U.S. and Trudeaumania. Martin Luther King Jr. was a symbol, a mentor, a leader, a kindred spirit for all of us who wanted to build a better world."

DAVID SCHLEICH
Vice President, Academics

"It is a day where we are to remember equality among all people regardless of race, religion, or beliefs. We shouldn't need such a day to remember this simple unstated rule of equality."

JAMES BROUILLARD
Business Administration Human Resources Management program student

This week's Niagara Speaks photos and organization by Dawn Swayze, Staff Writer.